

PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Government intends to transfer a parcel of real property at the Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant (Volunteer), in Chattanooga, Tennessee, consisting of approximately 940 acres, to the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County for non-residential use and general development. Volunteer has been used primarily for the production of trinitrotoluene needed for the Department of Defense. The 940-acre parcel was used primarily for storage. Currently the Army is undertaking certain environmental investigation and remedial activities at Volunteer to address hazardous substance contamination on the installation, but such activities may not be completed prior to the transfer of some portions of the property. Federal Law, section 120(h)(3)(C) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) permits such transfers of property prior to the completion of remediation if the Governor of the State determines that the property is suitable for such transfer and the intended use is consistent with the protection of human health and the environment.

The law authorizes the Governor to approve the deferral of the CERCLA covenant requirement, a warranty that all environmental remediation has been completed, upon the satisfaction of certain conditions, including a commitment that all necessary response actions will be taken. The Department of the Army intends to submit such a Covenant Deferral Request to the Governor of the State of Tennessee, for all or a portion of the 940-acre parcel. The Army is preparing a Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET), which will be part of the Covenant Deferral Request to the Governor of Tennessee. If approved by the Governor, the Covenant Deferral Request will allow the transfer of such property or parcels to take place prior to the completion of the remedial activities. The Covenant Deferral Request will include assurances that all remedial action found to be necessary will be accomplished, as well as a schedule for the completion of all such work. The Environmental Baseline Survey for Volunteer, which was completed on October 9, 1998 and revised as of November 12, 1999, may be viewed at Office of the Commander's Representative, Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant.

Copies of the FOEST may be obtained at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library or at the Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant, office of Commander's Representative. Comments on the suitability of this property for transfer subject to a Covenant Deferral should be mailed no later than 30 days from the date of this publication to: Commander's Representative, Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant, Attn: Mr. Bobby Holloway, Department of the Army, Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant, P.O. Box 22607, Chattanooga, TN 37422-2607.